

In the Specification:

On Page 41, prior to claim 1, insert:

-- **What is claimed is:--.**

On Page 49, please replace the abstract with the following new

abstract:

-- Methods and apparatus ~~(20)~~ to count people appearing in an image are disclosed. One disclosed method reduces objects appearing in a series of images to one or more blobs ~~(block 250)~~; for each individual image in a set of the images of the series of images, represents the one or more blobs in the individual image by one or more symbols in a histogram ~~(See FIGS. 8A-8G)~~; and analyzes the symbols appearing in the histogram to count the people in the image.